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English Church History: From the Death of Archbishop Parker to the Death of King Charles I. Four Lectures. By REV. ALFRED PLUMMER, M.A., D.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. New York: Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1904. Pp. 179. \$1, net.

Dr. Plummer aims to be judicially fair in his estimate of men and measures in the momentous period in English history from 1575 to 1649, but on every page he makes it patent that he is an ardent adherent of the church by law established. Elizabeth's personal character was far from worthy, but it was good of her to fight the Romanists and the Puritans, and to preserve the Anglican church intact. James I, the wise fool, reached "the lowest depths of unpopularity with his subjects," but, "by solid conviction, during the whole of his reign he was neither Romanist nor Puritan, but an Anglican." Five or six particulars are specified in which he served the Church of England a good turn. Charles I, the impersonation of "incurable duplicity and intrigue," carried despotism to its utmost limit, and through his "criminal wrong-headedness and perfidy" brought about the overthrow of both episcopacy and monarchy. Dr. Plummer does not venture to enumerate the particulars in which his reign was helpful to the Anglican cause.

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